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GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA
DIRECTORATE OF INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE,
KHEJURBAGAN, AGARTALA-799006. ORDER

F.NO.1-1(33)/GEO/DI/SASCI/2025/Part-I/ Dated, Agartala, the 13th August, 2026.

ORDER

Subject: Constitution of the State Pre-Auction Committee under Component-I (Implementation of Mining Reforms) of the Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI 2026-27) Scheme

Read

1. Operational Guidelines issued by the Ministry of Mines, Government of India under Component-I (Implementation of Mining Reforms) of the Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI 2026-27) Scheme.

The Ministry of Mines, Government of India, under Component-I (Implementation of Mining Reforms) of the Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI 2026-27) Scheme, has prescribed constitution of a State Pre-Auction Committee for facilitating coordinated preparation of mineral blocks, land scheduling issues before auction and has also issued the Constitution Order and Terms of Reference to govern the composition, mandate, and functioning of the Committee.

The Government of Tripura considers it necessary to constitute a **State Pre-Auction Committee** to ensure effective inter-departmental coordination, timely decision-making, statutory compliance, and transparent, efficient, and sustainable mineral development in the larger public interest and contributing to the sustainable development of the State.

Accordingly, Government of Tripura hereby constitutes the **State Pre-Auction Committee (hereinafter referred to as "the Committee")** with immediate effect.

1. Composition

The Committee shall comprise the following members.

S. No.	Designation	Role
1.	Secretary, Industries & Commerce Department	Chairperson
2.	Additional Secretary, Revenue Department	Member
3.	Director, Department of Science, Technology & Environment	Member

S. No.	Designation	Role
4.	Member Secretary, Tripura State Pollution Control Board	Member
5.	State Geologist, Directorate of Industries & Commerce	Member
6.	Deputy Conservator of Forests (Protection), Forest Department	Member
7.	Any other officer(s)/expert(s), as may be co-opted by the Chairman, depending upon the nature of the matter under consideration.	Special Invitee / Member
8.	Director, Industries & Commerce Department	Member Secretary

2. Functions

The Committee shall perform the following functions:

2.1 Examine proposals relating to mineral blocks referred to it for pre-auction consideration.

2.2 Review the geological, technical, cadastral, land, forest, environmental and other relevant information furnished by the respective competent authorities for assessing the preparedness of mineral blocks for auction.

2.3 Facilitate coordination amongst the concerned Departments and agencies for timely resolution of issues affecting preparation of mineral blocks for auction.

2.4 Facilitate coordination amongst the concerned Departments for timely issuing of statutory permissions for preparation of pre-embedded mineral blocks for auction.

2.5 Review the progress of pre-auction activities and recommend measures for maximizing Pre-embedded blocks for Auction.

2.6 Recommend the auction readiness status of mineral blocks placed before the Committee together with such observations and action points as may be considered necessary.

2.7 Submit its recommendations to Government through the Directorate of Industries & Commerce.

3. Meetings

The Committee shall meet upon receipt of a proposal for auction of a mineral block and, thereafter, as may be required during the preparatory stage prior to auction. The Chairperson may convene additional meetings at any time, as considered necessary.

4. Secretariat

The Directorate of Industries & Commerce shall function as the Secretariat of the Committee and shall provide all secretarial assistance required for the functioning of the Committee, including convening meetings, preparation and circulation of agenda, maintenance of records, communication of recommendations and monitoring of action taken.

5. Records

The Secretariat shall maintain such records relating to the proceedings and recommendations of the Committee.

6. Terms of Reference

The detailed mandate, responsibilities, reporting arrangements and deliverables of the Committee shall be governed by the **Terms of Reference** issued pursuant to this Order. Details of **Terms of Reference** is enclosed as **Annexure-I**.

7. Interpretation

Nothing contained in this Order shall be construed as conferring upon the Committee any statutory powers vested under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, the rules made thereunder, the Tripura Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 2025 or any other applicable law.

The Committee shall function as an inter-departmental coordination and recommending mechanism.

8. Power of the committee

The Committee may issue such administrative instructions, consistent with this Order, as may be considered necessary for effective implementation of the objectives of the Committee.

9. Commencement

This Order shall come into force with immediate effect.

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Government of Tripura

Annexure-I

GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA
DIRECTORATE OF INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE
State Pre-Auction Committee (SPAC)

TERMS OF REFERENCE

(Issued pursuant to Clause 6 of the Government Order/Notification No. _____ dated _____ regarding Constitution of the State Pre-Auction Committee under Component-I (Implementation of Mining Reforms) of the Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI 2026-27) Scheme.)

1. Object

The State Pre-Auction Committee (SPAC) is constituted as the apex inter-departmental coordination mechanism of the Government of Tripura for facilitating systematic preparation of mineral blocks proposed for auction.

The Committee shall assist the Government by ensuring that mineral blocks proposed for auction are examined in a coordinated, transparent and time-bound manner and that inter-departmental issues affecting auction readiness are identified and addressed before the blocks are notified for auction.

2. Scope

These Terms of Reference shall apply to all mineral blocks referred by the Government or the Directorate of Industries & Commerce to the Committee for pre-auction examination.

The Committee shall function within the framework of the MMDR Act, the Mineral (Auction) Rules, the Tripura Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 2025 and other applicable laws, without prejudice to the statutory powers of the respective competent authorities.

3. Role of the Committee

The Committee shall function as an **advisory, coordinating and recommending body** of the Government.

The Committee shall not exercise statutory approval, licensing or regulatory powers vested in any Department or authority under any applicable law.

4. Guiding Principles

In discharge of its responsibilities, the Committee shall:

(a) function in a transparent, objective and time-bound manner;

(b) respect the statutory jurisdiction of all participating Departments and authorities;

(c) promote inter-departmental coordination for timely preparation of mineral blocks;

(d) base its recommendations on documentary evidence and information furnished by the competent authorities; and

(e) endeavour to minimise delays in preparation of mineral blocks proposed for auction.

5. Responsibilities

The Committee shall be responsible for:

5.1 Strategic Review

Review proposals relating to mineral blocks referred for pre-auction examination and determine whether the information placed before the Committee is adequate for informed decision-making. All proposals placed before the Committee shall be supported by the authenticate documentation.

5.2 Inter-Departmental Coordination

Facilitate coordinated interaction amongst the Departments and agencies concerned with land, forests, environment, geology, infrastructure, revenue and other departments relevant to preparation of mineral blocks for auction.

5.3 Review of Statutory Status

Review the status of blocks with Pre-embedded clearances and other statutory compliances, land records, forest status, geological information furnished by the respective competent authorities and identify issues requiring further action.

5.4 Identification of Constraints

Identify administrative, technical, legal or procedural issues that may delay preparation or auction of mineral blocks and recommend appropriate corrective measures.

5.5 Monitoring

Review the progress of actions taken by the concerned Departments on the recommendations of the Committee and identify matters requiring intervention at the Government level.

5.6 Recommendations

Recommend to Government:

a) mineral blocks suitable for progression towards auction;

b) additional actions required before auction;

c) prioritisation of pre-embedded mineral blocks where ever necessary;

d) timely & Periodical revision of DSR

e) any other matter considered relevant for efficient implementation of the State's auction programme.

6. Deliverables

Each meeting of the Committee shall normally result in one or more of the following outputs:

1. Recommendations to Government.
2. Status assessment of mineral blocks examined.
3. Recommendations for inclusion or deletion of mineral blocks in the proposed auction programme.

7. Responsibilities of the Member Secretary

The Member Secretary shall:

a) convene meetings with the approval of the Chairperson;

b) prepare and circulate agenda;

c) compile proposals received from various sources;

d) maintain records of proceedings;

e) communicate recommendations to the concerned Departments;

f) monitor compliance with the decisions of the Committee;

g) place Action Taken Reports before the Committee;

h) maintain documentary records required for SASCI-2026-27 compliance;

i) perform such other functions as may be assigned by the Chairperson.

8. Responsibilities of Member

Each Department represented on the Committee shall:

1) nominate an officer not below the level specified in the Government Order;

2) furnish complete and accurate information relating to matters within its jurisdiction;

3) communicate departmental views within the stipulated timelines;

4) take timely action on recommendations accepted by the Government; and

5) keep the Member Secretary informed of progress on assigned action points.

9. Meetings

The Committee shall ordinarily meet once every two months or at such shorter intervals as may be directed by the Chairperson.

Special meetings may be convened whenever deemed necessary by the Chairperson.

10. Reporting

The Member Secretary shall periodically place before the Committee the Action Taken Report on recommendations issued during previous meetings.

11. Review

The Government may review or amend these Terms of Reference from time to time based on operational requirements, changes in statutory provisions or directions issued by the Ministry of Mines.

12. Interpretation

Any question relating to interpretation of these Terms of Reference shall be referred to the Government through the Industries & Commerce Department, whose decision shall be final.

13. Implementation

The Member Secretary shall ensure that these Terms of Reference are circulated to all members of the Committee and are placed before the Committee in its first meeting for information, adoption and implementation. It should come into force from the day of the notification.

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